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APPLICANT: Guttorm Rudi CONFIRMATION NO. 1591
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,206,313
AB United States Patent No. 4,195,796
AL British Specification 1 426 889
AM Japanese Application 59-193587

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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the British Patent Office in connection with the United Kingdom application corresponding to the present United States application.

Since References AA, AB and AL are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. An English translation of Reference AN is not readily available to the Applicant, however, an English-language Abstract is attached thereto which constitutes a summary of its teachings.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

Should this Information Disclosure Statement cross in the mail with a first Office Action, it is still in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) since the date of the aforementioned British Search Report is November 26, 2002. Accordingly, the undersigned counsel states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each of the above items was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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